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USSR-POLAND: Soviet Pressures

A TASS report yesterday indicated a Polish Marxist-Leninist "seminar" has called for an immediate alteration of the party's line toward Solidarity, which may foretoken the beginning of an effort to weaken Polish party leader Kania.

The TASS report claimed that this was only one of many appeals from party groups at the grass-roots level in Poland calling for a return to a "truly Marxist-Leninist line" and swift punishment for anyone spreading "anti-socialist" or anti-Soviet propaganda. The seminar urged the party to purge its ranks of all "revisionist and liquidationist tendencies" and to cease offering concessions that only fuel Solidarity's drive for power.

Last June Moscow used a similar ploy to support an eventually unsuccessful move against Kania. At that time, it publicized a challenge to the regime from another obscure hardline group.

The Soviets are aware that a minority element in the party Politburo favors tougher action against Solidarity; they may well hope to embolden it to make a direct challenge to Kania. The TASS dispatch is from its Warsaw bureau, which frequently has gone beyond the established Soviet propaganda line on developments in Poland; so far the new tack has not been picked up in other Soviet media.

Polish hardliners reportedly have been lobbying members of the Central Committee--which contains many political newcomers--for support of more decisive measures. They may hope that they can garner enough support to weaken the Politburo's backing of Kania, but this seems unlikely to happen until after Solidarity shows its intentions at the congress.

Prime Minister Jaruzelski yesterday, in a speech to parliament, expressed the government's willingness to cooperate with Solidarity if its second congress session is more moderate. He also attempted to mollify the

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Soviets and to keep pressure on Solidarity to curb political fringe elements by directing the Minister of the Interior to enforce the law more stringently. He criticized "anti-Soviet excesses," and said the police would be assisted by the military as "required and appropriate."

Involvement of the military in domestic police work reflects a trend that has been evident since late last spring when the government inaugurated joint military-police patrols. Despite Jaruzelski's rhetoric, the regime is likely to move cautiously.

Military Situation on the Eve of the Congress

Polish Forces. Several Polish military and security force units probably have been at higher-than-normal preparedness levels since mid-August.

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